Electrification in Bihar villages

920. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of villages, district-wise, in Bihar which have been electrified so far with the assistance of the Union Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that all the villages for which electrification was demanded have not been electrified;

(c) if so, what action has been taken in this regard; and

(d) if no action has been taken, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) A Statement indicating the number of villages, district-wise in Bihar which have been electrified upto 31-3-1987 under schemes financed by Rural Electrification Corporation is enclosed (*See* below).

(b) Rural Electrification Corporation has sanctioned 985 Rural Electrification schemes received from Bihar State Electricity Board upto the end of March, 1987 envisaging electrication of 39249 villages, out of which 23588 villages have been reported to be electrified. The schemes sanctioned by REC are phased for completion over a period ranging between 2 to 5 years and the electrification of villages under the sanctioned REC schemes is done as per the plan allocation and the annual targets fixed.

(c) and (d) In order to ascelerate the progress of Rural electrication, REC has redesigned its loaning policy so as to provide for 60 per cent of the Plan allocation to be made as inventory loan for making direct payments to the suppliers through letter of credit for procurement of materials. The Corporation has also liberalised its norms for second and subsequent instalments to improve cash flow for execution of works. The Corporation has also set up a Project Office at Patna and has also two sub-offices at Muzaffarpur and Ranchi for ensuring proper and close liaison with the field organisations of the Bihar State Electricity Board to monitor the implementation of the schemes. Periodical review meetings are also being held with the State Government/State Electricity Board to increase the pace of electrification.

Statement

District-wise villages electrification in Bihar upto 31-3-1987) (*Under REC Schemes*)

Sl.No.	District	Villages electrified under REC Schemes as on 31-6-87 (Prov.)
1	2	3
1.	Aurangabad	643
2.	Begusarai	759*
3.	Bhagalpur	938
4.	Bhojpur	443
5.	E. Champaran	577
6.	W. Champaran	516
7.	Darohanga	939
8.	Deogurh	640
9.	Dumka	421
10.	Godda	463
11.	Sahebganj	540
12.	Dhanbad	472
13.	Gaya & Jehanabad	784

1	2	3
14.	Giridih	708
15.	Gopalganj	637
16.	Gumla	432
17.	Lohardega	220
18.	Ranchi	947
19.	Hazaribagh	900
20.	Katihar	574
21.	Khagaria	148
22.	Madhubani	918
23.	Madhepura	292
24.	Munger	779
25.	Muzaffarpur	658
26.	Nalanda	326
27.	Nawada	468
28.	Palamau	655
29.	Patna	450
30.	Purnea	1090
31.	Rohtas	539
32.	Saharsa	694
33.	Samastipur	694
34.	Saran	623
35.	Singhbhum	1366
36.	Sitamrhi	406
37.	Siwan	476
38.	Vaishail	475

*Includes uninhabited villages

Sankul Petrochemicals

921. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government received details from the Gujarat Government regarding 'Sankul' petrochemicals during the last three years;

(b) whether the Centre has recently received from Gujarat Government some more required information and details regarding the same;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) what is the Central Government's reaction thereto; and

(e) by when the Sankul Petro-chemicals likely to be sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (e) Some applications for the setting up of a petrochemical complex in Gujarat havae been received. Final decision on these applications will be taken after a number of issues relating to availability of feedstock, tie-up of resources etc., are resolved. Details about these applications are not disclosed till a final decision is taken on them.

Thermal Power Plants

922. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of thermal power plants cleared, Statewise, by the Central Government during the last three years and the